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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/986,634

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For: NUCLEIC ACID-BASED METHODS FOR THE DETECTION
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 2 (HIV-2)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 16, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group 1, claims 16-21; Group II, claims 22-25; and Group III, claims 26-29.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 22-25, drawn to a method for preparing a recombinant HIV-2 peptide, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

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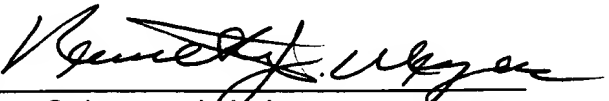
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